

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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Vote No. 519

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## BALANCED BUDGET RECONCILIATION/Minimum Wage Consideration

**SUBJECT:** Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995 . . . S. 1357. Exon motion to waive the Budget Act for the consideration of the Kerry/Kennedy amendment No. 2979.

### ACTION: MOTION REJECTED, 51-48

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S. 1357, the Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995, will result in a balanced budget in seven years, as scored by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The bill will also provide a \$245 billion middle-class tax cut, \$141.4 billion of which will be to provide a \$500 per child tax credit.

**The Kerry/Kennedy amendment** would add that "it is the sense of the Senate that the Senate should debate and vote on whether to raise the minimum wage before the end of the first session of the 104th Congress."

Debate on a first-degree amendment to a reconciliation bill is limited to 2 hours. By unanimous consent, debate on the Kerry/Kennedy amendment was further limited. Following debate, Senator Domenici raised the point of order that the amendment violated the Budget Act. Senator Exon then moved to waive the Budget Act for the consideration of the amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to waive opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to waive favored the amendment.

**NOTE:** A three-fifths majority (60) vote of the Senate is required to waive the Budget Act. Following the failure of the motion to waive, the point of order was upheld and the amendment thus fell.

**Those favoring** the motion to waive contended:

The value of the minimum wage is at a 40-year low, though corporate profits are at a record-high. If Senators are pro-family, pro-community, and in favor of the principle that people who work hard should be given decent wages, then they should be in favor of considering and raising the minimum wage this year.

**Those opposing** the motion to waive contended:

(See other side)

YEAS (51)			NAYS (48)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republicans (5 or 9%)	Democrats (46 or 100%)		Republicans (48 or 91%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Campbell	Akaka	Inouye	Abraham	Helms	<b>EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:</b> 1—Official Buisiness 2—Necessarily Absent 3—Illness 4—Other  <b>SYMBOLS:</b> AY—Announced Yea AN—Announced Nay PY—Paired Yea PN—Paired Nay	
Cohen	Baucus	Johnston	Ashcroft	Hutchison		
Jeffords	Biden	Kennedy	Bennett	Inhofe		
Snowe	Bingaman	Kerrey	Bond	Kassebaum		
Specter	Boxer	Kerry	Brown	Kempthorne		
	Bradley	Kohl	Burns	Kyl		
	Breaux	Lautenberg	Chafee	Lott		
	Bryan	Leahy	Coats	R		
	Bumpers	Levin	Cochran	Lugar		
	Byrd	Lieberman	Coverdell	Mack		
	Conrad	Mikulski	Craig	McCain		
	Daschle	Moseley-Braun	D'Amato	McConnell		
	Dodd	Moynihan	DeWine	Murkowski		
	Dorgan	Murray	Dole	Nickles		
	Exon	Nunn	Domenici	Pressler		
	Feingold	Pell	Faircloth	Roth		
	Feinstein	Pryor	Frist	Santorum		
	Ford	Reid	Gorton	Shelby		
	Glenn	Robb	Gramm	Simpson		
	Graham	Rockefeller	Grams	Smith		
	Harkin	Sarbanes	Grassley	Stevens		
	Heflin	Simon	Gregg	Thomas		
	Hollings	Wellstone	Hatch	Thompson		
			Hatfield	Thurmond		
				Warner		

We defeated this amendment a few weeks ago (see vote No. 344). At that time, we noted that it was rather peculiar that when Democrats controlled the Senate they never thought this issue was important enough even to hold hearings on it. The Senator who was Chairman of the Labor Committee and who could have therefore scheduled minimum wage hearings has now twice seen fit to try to dictate the Senate's schedule by demanding floor consideration of this issue this session. Our colleagues appear to be playing politics. We therefore will again vote to defeat this amendment.